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USEFUL FOR SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 3-5, 7-8, 17-18, 27, 31-33, 39-40, 43, 45, 47, 51-52, 59-60, 62-63, and 65-  
70 as follows:

--3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the fungal pathogen is *G. graminis* (take-all fungus).--

--4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the fungal pathogen is *Botrytis fabae*.--

--5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the sugar acid is selected from the group consisting of mannonic acid, gluconic acid, and galacturonic acid.--

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